

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended). ~~Covering device~~ A profiled cover for floor coverings made from an extruded profile in accordance with Claim ~~1~~ 9, wherein the compensating strip ~~(5)~~ has the basic form of an angle section with two legs ~~(12, 13)~~, the leg with the ~~retaining lug (15)~~ tongue being adjacent to ~~the~~ an underside of the covering flange ~~(6)~~ of the profiled cover ~~(4)~~ and the other forming an extension of the profiled cover ~~(4)~~ extending downward.

Claim 3 (currently amended). ~~Covering device~~ A profiled cover for floor coverings made from an extruded profile in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the compensating strip ~~(5)~~ is provided with at least one supporting leg ~~(17)~~ projecting from leg ~~(12)~~ with the ~~retaining lug (15)~~ tongue.

Claim 4 (currently amended). ~~Device~~ A profiled cover for floor coverings made from an extruded profile in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the supporting leg ~~(17)~~ of the compensating strip ~~(5)~~ forms a coupling projection ~~(16)~~ for connection to the fixture ~~(9)~~ for the profiled cover ~~(4)~~.

Claim 5 (currently amended). ~~Device~~ A profiled cover for floor coverings made from an extruded profile in accordance with Claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein the compensating strip ~~(5)~~ is provided with a peripheral projection ~~(21)~~ on the leg ~~(12)~~ adjacent to the covering flange ~~(6)~~ to serve as a retaining lug, said projection engaging in a longitudinal groove ~~(22)~~ serving as a retaining recess on ~~the~~ an underside of the covering flange ~~(6)~~ or on the side of the clamping web ~~(7)~~ of the profiled cover ~~(4)~~ facing the compensating strip ~~(5)~~, forming a pivot axis for the compensating strip ~~(5)~~.

Claim 6 (currently amended). ~~Device~~ A profiled cover for floor coverings made from an extruded profile in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the leg ~~(12)~~ of the compensating strip ~~(5)~~ adjacent to the covering flange ~~(6)~~ is provided with an adhesive surface on the side facing the covering flange ~~(6)~~.

Claim 7 (currently amended). Method for the production of a profiled cover and at least one compensating strip for a covering device for floor coverings in accordance with Claim 1 9, wherein firstly ~~an~~ the extruded profile ~~(18)~~ is produced, the cross-section of which consists of the cross-sections of the profiled cover ~~(4)~~ and at least one compensating strip ~~(5)~~, with said strip being connected to the subsequent profiled cover ~~(4)~~ by means of a connecting land ~~(19)~~ serving as a spacer, and then the compensating strip ~~(5)~~ is separated from the profiled cover ~~(4)~~ with a separating cut through the connecting land ~~(19)~~.

Claim 8 (currently amended). Method in accordance with Claim 7, wherein the connecting land ~~(19)~~ forms a transition surface joining the visible surfaces of the profiled cover ~~(4)~~ and the compensating strip ~~(5)~~, the transition surface being coated together with the visible surfaces of the profiled cover ~~(4)~~ and the compensating strip ~~(5)~~, before the connecting land ~~(19)~~ is severed.

Claim 9 (new). A profiled cover made of an extruded profile for floor coverings, which comprises a covering flange; at least one clamping web protruding downward from the covering flange, extending in a longitudinal direction of the profiled cover and fastening the profiled cover to a fixture; a compensating strip fastened to the covering flange; and a form-fitting tongue and groove joint fastening the compensating strip to the covering flange, the tongue and groove joint being comprised of at least one longitudinal groove in an underside of the covering flange for retaining a tongue projecting into the groove from the compensating strip, the section of the covering flange in which the groove is located being supported flat over the floor coverings they cover.